

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the cross-reference to the related applications with the following rewritten paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,361, entitled "IMPROVED FRAMEWORKS FOR INVOKING METHODS IN VIRTUAL MACHINES", filed concurrently herewith, and hereby incorporated herein by reference.

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,449, entitled "IMPROVED FRAMEWORKS FOR LOADING AN EXECUTION OF OBJECT-BASED PROGRAMS", filed concurrently herewith, and hereby incorporated herein by reference.